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Recommended Mapping to be Accomplished by ACIC

1. It is recommended that ACIC be requested, upon completion of the presently-scheduled special maps of the West China area, (Sheets A, B, C, D, at 1:1,000,000 and Sheet E at 1:250,000), to undertake production of the following additional maps at 1:500,000 scale:

Coordinates (in order of priority)

1. 32° N to 34° N; 90° E to 93° E

2. 28° N to 30° N; 96° E to 99° E

3. 30° N to 32° N; 93° E to 96° E

4. 28°30' N to 30° N; 83° E to 85° E

5. 30° N to 32° N; 96° E to 99° E

6. 30° N to 32° N; 90° E to 93° E

7. 28° N to 30° N; 87° E to 90° E (Extend south to include Tibet-Nepal boundary)

8. 28° N to 30° N; 84° E to 87° E (extend south to include Tibet-Nepal boundary)

These sheets have been outlined on the attached map.

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2. The 1:500,000 scale has been agreed upon as a result of conferences with █████████ of ██████ DD/P. It is considered to represent the most practicable final scale to serve both ground and air operational uses.

3. In selecting areas to be mapped, effort has been made to adhere, insofar as possible, to already established sheet lines that would normally be used for standard ACIC issuances.

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4. It is felt that the standard ACIC specifications for this scale would be suitable, with the following exceptions:

Transportation network to be printed in red.

Monasteries to be emphasized by a distinct symbol.

Landmark features to be highlighted, especially in areas of slight local relief, in order to facilitate ground orientation.

Maximum degree of cultural detail that can be depicted at 1:500,000 should be included for the benefit of ground users. Special attention should be devoted to depicting military installations and airfields.

5. It is strongly recommended that a member of the geographic Research Area be designated as technical and substantive liaison officer between CIA and ACIC for this project.

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